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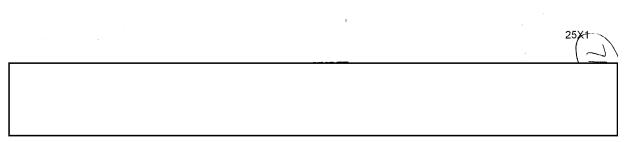
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COUNTRY	Ozecheslevakia	REPORT NO.		
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- Preparations are being made in the Caechoslevak Communist Party Presidium for the
 reduction of governmental control along the lines of the recent changes in Hungary.
 A government preclamation of these changes has been prepared since 6 July 1953, and
 its release is expected daily.
- 2. This reduction of central is expected to involve a shakeup of the government, and Crecheslevak Communist Party leaders are apprehensive concerning their respective fates. Prime Minister Viliam Sireky is to be replaced by Prefessor Jan Mukarovsky, President of Charles University in Prague, and the latter will prepare elections which will be held in the fall of 1953. However, Enamuel Slechta, Minister of Building Industry, and Josef Plejhar, Minister of Health, in addition to Mukarovsky are also under consideration for the position of Prime Minister.
- 3. The Party is concerned over its declining power, and is frantically seeking remedie for the situation. The first measure to be undertaken will be the restoration of the trade unions to a leading power position in the State.



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- 4. Beputy Prime Minister Antenin Nevetný new has position and power equivalent to that formerly held by Rudelf Slanský. The Central Secretariat of the Party again has the vete power.
- 5. A delegation composed of President Antonin Zapetecky, Prime Minister Viliam Sireky, and Deputy Prime Ministers Antonin Novetny and Rudelf Barak visited Mescow secretly in May 1953.
- 6. Deputy Prime Minister Karel Bacilek and Minister of State Centrel Jan Harus are cer sidered to have been Beria men.
- 7. Since 20 July 1953, Valerian Aleksandrovich Zerin, Seviet Deputy Pereign Minister, and Aleksandr Tefremovich Begenelev, Seviet Ambassador to Csechoslovakia, have been attending conferences at Kenepiste Castle, near Prague, with President Antenin Espetecky and other Osech government leaders. Changes in government composition as internal policies along the lines of the recent Hungarian changes were the subjects under discussion.

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